industries to generate employment for about 100 million people by the turn of the century; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Mid-Term Appraisal of Eighth Five Year Plan

3615. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state by when Government proposes to bring out the mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan?:

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The Mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Plan involves various exercises including discussions with the State Governments/ UTs and the Central Ministries. The steps in that direction have already been initiated in the Planning Commission and a final picture would emerge only after completion of the above exercises. It is, therefore, not possible at this juncture to indicate an exact date for bringing out the Mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

बेरोजगारी की समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए निर्धारित लक्ष्य

3616. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री 1 अगस्त, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 870 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत में बेरोजगार लोगों की कुल संख्या कितनी थी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के मध्य तक बेरोजगार लोगों की संख्या घटने के स्थान पर बढ़ गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1993-94 के अंत तक ऐसे व्यक्तियों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी होगी; और

(घ) बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की बढ़ती हुई संख्या के कारण क्या हैं?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो): (क) से (घ) सातवीं योजना (1989-90) के अन्त में देश में बेरोजगारी 13.85 मिलियन होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है और वर्ष 1993-94 के अंत में 18.5 मिलियन होने का अनुमान है। बेजोजगारी में यह वृद्धि बढ़ती रोजगार वृद्धि से अधिक श्रम बल वृद्धि के कारण है।

Completion of ISS Cadre Review

3617. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Officers in the Indian Statistical Service having put in more than 16 years of Group "A" service are still stagnating in the Senior Time Scale whereas Officers in other Central Services having 16 years of service have reached two stages higher at the level of Selection Grade or even Sr. Administrative Grade;

(b) whether the stagnation in question has been caused by poor cadre management of service, firstly, by the Department of Personnel and now by the Department of Statistics;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no cadre review of the service has taken place since its inception in 1961 and still no time bound action is being taken for the same; and

(d) what steps have been taken to

complete the cadre review of the Service and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) It is a fact that Indian Statistical Service officers who have put in more than 16 years of Group 'A' Service have not yet been promoted to Junior Administrative Grade of Service. This is due to structural distortions in the Service caused by implementation of various Court orders.

The cadre review of the Indian Statistical Service has already been taken in hand. Since it involves consultations with a large number of participating Ministries/Departments—ISS being a multi—departmental Service - no definite time frame can be given at this stage.

Energy Regulatory Authority for Better Management of Power Sector

3618. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up an autonomous Energy Regulatory Authority for better management of the power sector; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of Units Under PSUs

3619. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Executives of the Public Sector Undertakings will be held accountable for the performance of the Units under their charges in terms of achieving the targets set out in the MOU signed with Government;

(b) If so, whether the Chief Executives of various PSUs are not making serious efforts in promoting their PSU and causing losses;

(c) whether the performance of the Chief Executives would be reviewed time and again to improve the functioning of their Units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Department of Public Enterprises has devised the system MOU under which financial and non-financial targets are fixed and the Chief Executives who sign the MOUs are implicitly responsible for the achievement of targets. The Department of Public Enterprises has reported that the MOU targets are taken quite seriously by the Chief Executives who make all efforts to meet the targets.

(c) and (d) The Department of Public Enterprises has evolved a system under which the administrative Ministries/ Departments review periodical performance of the Public Sector Undertakings with a view to making improvement.

Growth Rate in Agriculture

3620. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate in agriculture in terms of GDP and in terms of employment during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether the rate of employment per hectare in agriculture has come down and the agricultural workers from rural areas are migrating to cities; and